

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered at least because they place the application in condition for allowance based on the indication in the Office Action that claims 2 and 7-9, the only remaining claims, are allowed.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 10 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims are being amended.

This amendment deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2 and 7-9 are now pending in this application.

Allowable subject matter

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 2 and 7-9 are allowed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1, 3-4 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,595 to Yamakawa et al. (hereafter "Yamakawa"). Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamakawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,995,712 to Lee (hereafter "Lee"). These rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1, 3-6 and 10.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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